

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, as follows:

In the method of the invention, any light source that emits light of an appropriate wavelength may be used. The wavelength of the light is selected to correspond to the absorption maximum of the photosensitizer and to have sufficient energy to activate the photosensitizer. The source of light may be any device or biological system able to generate monochromatic or polychromatic light. Examples include laser, light emitting diode, arc lamp, halogen lamp, incandescent lamp or an emitter of bioluminescence or chemiluminescence. In certain circumstances, sunlight may be suitable. Preferably, the wavelength of the light emitted by the light source may be from 200 to 1060nm, preferably from 400 to 750nm. A suitable laser may have a power of from 1 to 100mW and a beam diameter of from 1 to 10mm. The light dose for laser irradiation is suitably from 5 to 333 J cm⁻², preferably from 5 to 30 J cm⁻² for laser light. For white light irradiation, a suitable dose is from 0.01 to 100 kJ/cm², preferably from 0.1 to 20 kJ/cm², more preferably from 3 to 10 kJ/cm². The duration of irradiation is suitably from one second to 15 minutes, preferably from 1 to 5 minutes.